





IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of VARRIALE

Application No. 10/533,042

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Group Art Unit:

For: TIGHT CONTROL DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as

follows.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on-page 8 of this paper.